

Today's Advertisements.



VICTORIA-PRECEPTORY.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TO-NIGHT, the 5th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6114]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6212]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, on

WEDNESDAY, the 10th May, 1899, commencing at 2.30 P.M., A LARGE QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD & OFFICE FURNITURE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, belonging to Gentlemen leaving the Colony. For full particulars see Catalogues, which can be obtained from the Undersigned. TERMS OF SALE: Cash on delivery. On View at the Undersigned's from MONDAY, the 8th instant.

PAUL BREWSTER, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6212]

TO LET, At the PLAK, WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

A FIVE-ROOMED BUNGALOW, situated on Mount Gough called KRENTON. Apply to

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Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6192]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI. The Company's Steamship

"PATIENCE," Captain Jones, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6072]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. The Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA," Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6182]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. The Company's Steamship

"THALES," Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [6182]

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

BRANDIES.

A.—Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule - - - - - \$18.00

B.—Superior Very Old Cognac Red Capsule - - - - - 21.00

C.—Very Old Liqueur Cognac - - - - - 24.00

V.O.—D.—Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule - - - - - 36.00

V.V.O.—E.—Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1882 Vintage - - - - - 48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be PURE COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

Smaller quantities and sample bottles will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine only when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A glance at the Water Return, published in another column, will immediately show to what grave straits the Colony is reduced for want of water. On May 1st last year the total storage in Pokfulam and Tytan reservoirs amounted to only 183,080,000 gallons, which, the consumption for the previous month being 90,085,000 gallons, represented about two months' supply for the Colony. This was considered at the time to be by no means an adequate reserve, but the figures for the same period of this year show a much worse state of affairs. On the 1st instant we had a stock of water in the two reservoirs amounting to 40,035,000 gallons or scarcely half a month's supply at the rate of consumption of April last year, while at the greatly reduced rate of consumption for the same period this year our present stock of water will not last a month. Should the estimated population consume but 6,330,000 gallons per head per day during May as they did during April, the present supply of water shows a deficit of no less than 9,312,000 gallons. If the Government are in need of proof of the utter inadequacy of our storage reservoirs to supply the wants of the Colony, surely their own figures should suffice. Certainly, the past year has been one of exceptional drought, but it is against such periods of drought that it is necessary to make provision, as we have before pointed out. Want of water only too frequently means distress in disease, and everyone must admit that Hongkong is already unhealthy enough without being rendered more so in any form of want of water.

In reply to "Peeped" in regard to the word "bustle," the meaning of which he fails to understand, our mutual critic will, for his edification, "Peeped" being so dejected, be told him that the word is used in the medical profession simply as an abbreviation of "bustle-robust," "Peeped" says he has heard of a bustled boiler, so has our critic, and he has also heard of a bustled type, but he would like our correspondent to give a good definition of a "bustled flush."

One day, nearly a year ago, the foreign inhabitants of Yokohama were apprised of a rise in the prices of washing. The rise was so exorbitant, the prices of some articles being raised from 4 cents to 12, that the community talked seriously of starting a steam laundry. Certain gentlemen set about getting estimates, with the result that Yokohama now possesses an up-to-date laundry capable of doing all the washing of the foreign community at a very reasonable price. The native washermen and washerwomen are now glad to come down to their old prices, but they find no encouragement, and are suffering in consequence of their unreasonable action in raising the prices so high. Why cannot Hongkong raise a steam laundry also and save us from the many inconveniences attending the present state of affairs.

It was recently reported that the Koho Chamber of Commerce (Japanese) invited the views of the various trade guilds in Koho on the question of foreigners being admitted members of the guilds after the new Treaties come into force. According to the *Yokohama*, the match, hatchwood, tea and lumber guilds are the only ones who so far have responded. The first three agree in thinking that foreigners should be admitted, giving as their reason that in the event of foreigners carrying on similar businesses without belonging to the guilds, it will prove disadvantageous to the Japanese merchants. The Tea Guild thinks it advisable to exclude foreigners, on the ground that as the foreigners are buyers and Japanese are sellers, there will be conflicting interests.

A Yokohama contemporary remarks that the arrival of the British battleships *Victoria* and *Bedford* was a welcome sight to Yokohamites, as it reminded them of the good old times when men of war visited the port and annually spent thousands of dollars among the dealers. The stringent harbour regulations it is said are greatly to blame for the less frequent visits, as the anchorage for the men of war is exposed, and in bad weather it is nearly impossible to go and come from the ships, and with the smaller craft it is considered unsafe. The Japanese authorities may know what they are doing, but to the casual observer, it looks strange to see a sea wall made to protect shipping while but few vessels are inside and the many are compelled to remain outside. If outside the breakwater is a safe anchorage now, we do not see why the breakwater was built. In no other part of the world are vessels deprived of such a shelter, and in waters where typhoons are so frequent, it seems to us that it is very strange such protection is denied.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT. LONDON, May 3rd. The *Times* state that the Anglo-Russian Agreement provides for the maintenance of a British Chief Engineer and Financial Controller for the Northern Railway to Shan-hai-Kwan beyond which the line will be under Chinese Control.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

The *New York Herald* states that Siam has ceded the province of Luang-Prabang to France who now abandons Chantabun to the neutral zone.

THE QUEEN RETURNS TO ENGLAND. The Queen has started from Cimet on her homeward journey.

THE BUDGET.

The Budget has passed its second reading in the House of Commons. Later.

ITALY.

The Italian Cabinet has resigned. General Pelloux stated that as the debate showed a large minority was opposed to the Chinese policy, it was consequently futile to prolong a discussion which would impair Italian prestige.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 5th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer is rising on the E. coast of China, falling on the S. coast. A slight depression appears to have passed from the continent and to be now lying in the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight, but increasing in S. China, with freshening monsoon in the Formosa Channel and on the S. coast. FORECAST: Moderate or fresh N.E. winds; fair at first, probably some rain later.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8.30 to 9.30.

FOR having over the registered number in Chinese lodging houses, two Chinamen were fined \$5 each at the Magistracy this morning.

A JAPANESE, for hiring a chair coolie in the morning, was this morning at the Magistracy fined \$4 and had to *quash* the coolie one dollar.

THE crew of H.M.S. *Undaunted*, together with most of its officers, are to be turned over to the *Taipei* for a time while repairs are in progress upon their own vessel.

THE Artilleryman who caused the disturbance in the streets last night, a description of which "A Looker-on" sends us, was brought before the Magistracy this morning and fined \$5.

FIVE Chinese laundrymen were brought up at the Magistracy this morning for having over the prescribed number of men sleeping on the premises between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., and fined \$15 each.

WE hear that, in the event of the *Peacemaker* arriving here, Commodore Powell will be required to hand down his broad pennant during her stay in port, owing to naval etiquette forbidding the Commodore's flag being flown in the presence of an officer senior to him, Captain Lambton being senior to the present Commodore.

THE *Universal Gazette* says it is reported that at the attack recently made upon Colonel Pottinger's surveying party in Szechuen by the Chinese, six or seven of the party were wounded, including a few foreigners, and the Chinese interpreter, who was shot in the back. It is further alleged that three of them have since died from the injuries they received.

REAR-ADMIRAL C. C. CARPENTER, U. S. N., retired, committed suicide on April 1st in a sanatorium at Boston. Rear-Admiral Carpenter was called from the retired list to active duty in charge of the naval yard at Portsmouth, N. H., during the Spanish war, while Commodore Remy was on duty at Key West. He commanded the U. S. Asiatic squadron in 1894.

CAPTAIN Oyama, who has been commissioned to bring home the new Japanese battleship *Hatake*, which is being built in England, and Captain Togo, who has been appointed to bring home the armoured cruiser *Yakumo*, under construction in Germany, leave for Europe by the N.Y.K. steamer *Kawachi-Maru* from Yokohama on the 6th inst. They will be accompanied by other naval officers.

CHRIST Church, Yokohama, has been sold to Messrs G. H. Macy & Co. of New York. We understand that the price paid was \$5,000 yen, the Trustees to have both the Church and parsonage buildings free of cost. As the latter is an first-class condition and can be easily moved to the site of the new Church, the sale is really a very good one, and with the \$5,000 yen already subscribed a fine new building on the hill is sure to be the result of the transaction.

THE semi-final of the Championship in the Cricket Club's Lawn Tennis Tournament will be played to-morrow afternoon, between Captain Langhorne and Mr. Pinckney, play commencing at half-past four. The winner of this tie will have to meet Mr. H. Humphreys, who has worked into the final. On Monday afternoon the semi-final in the double handicap will be played, when Viscount Sutcliffe and Major Griffin (over 153) will meet W. Mayson and W. King (receive 2-6 153).

MAYOR at present appear to be going from bad to worse with regard to our rainfall. The total amount which fell in April was much below the average, and, so far, May has not brought us any addition to our water supply. We understand that the Naval Authorities are already busy selecting a site for a reservoir in the new territory for the supply of the fleet, and we trust that the Civil Authorities will follow their lead and see what can be done for thirsty Hongkong. The water question is one that cannot be allowed to wait.

THE opening match of the ninth Australian Cricket Eleven in England commences on Monday next, the 8th inst., at the Crystal Palace, against the South of England, whose team will be selected from the following:—W. G. Grace, K. S. Ranjitsingh, J. R. Mason, C. B. Fry, C. L. Townsend, G. L. Jessop, Abel, Hayward, Lockwood, Brockwell, Board, and J. T. Hearne. The *Times*, referring to the Australian team, states that the recent wonderful batting and bowling feats, which have been performed in the colonies, indicates that the Englishmen will have a severe task to recover their lost honours. Mr. Stoddart, one of England's most scientific and expert batsmen, does not intend to play in first-class matches during the coming season.

THE reports submitted to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army show that, between the 1st of May, 1898, and the 18th of February, this year, 329 men of the American troops were killed in action; 125 died of their wounds, and 5,277 died of disease in the United States or in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.

THE following will be the rates of exchange between foreign currencies and Haikuan Taels for the levy of *ad valorem* duties during the month of May, 1899:—

£ 1 to 29 1-16th = 1 Hk. Tls. 6.52
Francs 347 = 1 Hk. Tls. 1.33
Marks 281 = 1 Hk. Tls. 1.33
Gold 8 66 5/8 = 1 Hk. Tls. 1.33

THE gaiety of Shanghai has been permanently enhanced by the return of Mr. W. G. Bayne, who returned to Shanghai by the *Salazir* after many years' absence, to succeed Mr. A. Ross as Secretary of the North-China Insurance Co. The *Japan Mail* of the 25th ult. says: "A large number of residents assembled on the Haikua yesterday to say farewell to Mr. W. G. Bayne, who left by the *Doric* for Shanghai. The gathering bore eloquent testimony to Mr. Bayne's great popularity in Yokohama, and to regret the community feels in losing him." The return of Mr. Bayne to Shanghai will be welcomed by the Amateur Dramatic Society, for he is one of the best amateurs in the East.

SEVERAL sales of Crown land have been effected during the week. On Monday Garden Lot No. 5, which is situated at Wanchai and comprises 5,700 square feet, was sold to Mr. Allen of the Naval Yard for \$395, which is \$25 above the up-est price; annual rent \$32. On Tuesday Island Lot No. 1,328, which is situated about Pokfulam Conduit and contains 20,000 square feet, was bought by Mr. A. Denison for \$2,425 up-est price \$2,400; annual rent \$18. A lot 25,000 square feet in the same locality was purchased by Dr. Bateson Wright for \$3,025 (\$25 above up-est); annual rent \$172. On Wednesday, Tung Hom Island Lot No. 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

A MATCH has been arranged to take place on the Association Range, Kowloon, next Saturday between teams from the Navy, Royal Engineers, Royal Welsh Fusiliers and the Hongkong Volunteers, commencing at noon. The Royal Artillery have not been able to get together a team. There was some talk of making this a regular Corps championship competition for a suitable trophy, but Saturday's "shoot" will be simply a friendly affair. Spectators are invited to attend. The shooting will probably finish between 5 and 6 p.m. It is expected the following will shoot for the Volunteers:—Captain Chapman, Sergeant-Dunn, Brown, Sergeant McNeil, Sergeant Rutter, Sergeant Skelton, Sergeant Hart, Corporal Gow, Gunner Stewart, Gunner Macdonald, Gunner Toller, with Sergeant Marshall and Lieutenant Macdonald as reserves.

WE have received, says the *M. C. Daily News*, the 22nd Annual Report of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, known as the Hamburg-American Line, from which we learn that this prosperous and enterprising corporation now ranks highest in the list of Shipping Companies, having a fleet of 74 ocean steamers, with a registered tonnage of 329,110, and an accompanying fleet of river steamers, lighters, etc., of 1,576 tons. In all directions great expansion in their volume of trade is shown. Of their 74 steamers, 14 are on the stocks or in the hands of the builders and are to be completed during the year. Unlike the N.D.L., up till now they have never received State aid or a subsidy of any kind; therefore it is the more interesting to find them declaring a dividend of 8 per cent on their working capital of M. 50,000,000. The gross earnings amount to M. 11,659,522.74, to which is added M. 3,109,397.29 derived from the sale of some of their older vessels, thus making a total of M. 14,768,920.03. From this is deducted M. 5,500,000 as interest on debentures, and M. 1,082,118.69 for depreciation and Reserve Fund, leaving a net profit of M. 8,186,801.34, of which M. 4,000,000 is absorbed for dividends, and the balance carried over. The employees are not forgotten, a sum of M. 1,077,795.87 having been contributed to their fund for the sick, incapacitated, and superannuated. The Hispano-American war, while temporarily interfering with the ocean carrying trade, enabled them to dispose at high figures of two of their well-known old ocean greyhounds—namely, the *Columbia* and the *Neomanna*, with the proceeds of which they are now having a vessel of 16,000 tons register built at the Vulcan Works, Stettin, equal to their combined capacity and it is expected with a speed in excess of the fastest Atlantic liner. She is to be named the *Deutschland* and is to be ready at the beginning of the season of 1900, in time to participate in the passenger traffic during the run of the Paris Exhibition. They have also sold the *Scandia*, *Gothia*, *Shannon*, *Dairia*, *Virginia*, *Bohemia*, and *Moravia*, all having fetched good prices. At the end of the present year two new steamers of 10,250 tons register, which will be called the *Hamburg* and the *Kaiserin*, will be placed on the Hamburg-Shanghai run, to which a mail subsidy will be given by the Government. Besides the three vessels mentioned two steamers of 13,000 tons register are in course of construction—namely the *Graf Waldersee* and the *Patricia*, sister ships to the well-known *Pennsylvania*. The German yards all being full, it was found necessary to purchase three vessels from English firms; there are the *Bongalia*, *Bosnia*, and *Belhania*, 6,700 tons register. Three other vessels, of over 10,000 tons register, that are fast approaching completion are the *Belhania*, *Belgia*, and *Belgravia*, designed principally for the general carrying trade; these eight vessels are twin screw, the remaining six of a tonnage from 4,900 are to be single screw vessels. The report concludes with a laudatory mention of the late director Mr. Wm. Robertson, who died on the 23rd of December last, and who had held office for fourteen years.

H.M.S. *Woodlark* was christened on the morning of the 1st instant, at Shanghai, by Mrs. Montgomerie and most successfully launched, gliding into the water like a bird. The function was arranged so hurriedly that there was no time to send out invitations, and there were only present H

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st May.

	1898.	1899.
Typhoon	135 ft. 10 in. below	65 ft. 4 in. below
Pokfulam	147 ft. 6 in. below	135 ft. 3 in. below
STORAGE GALLONS.		

Typhoon	148,100,000	42,100,000
Pokfulam	34,980,000	4,700,000
Total	183,080,000	46,800,000

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of April.

	1898.	1899.
Estimated population	194,500	200,000
Consumption per head per day	15.4	9.3

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of April.

	1898.	1899.
Estimated population	25,600	26,800
Consumption per head per day	6.9	8.2

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

R. D. ORMSBY.

Water Authority.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACES.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 4TH MAY.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value, Tls. 125; second pony, Tls. 25; for ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; winner of one race at this meeting, 7 lbs. extra; two or more races, 10 lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Seven furlongs.

Beachnut	1
Sandstorm	2
Hermes	3

Time, 1 min. 49 1/2 secs.

THE MASONIC CLUB CHALLENGE CUP, value, Tls. 350; presented by the members of the Masonic Club for China ponies, being bona fide gifts at date of entry; to be won on two consecutive meetings, or three times in the same year; entrance, Tls. 10; 70 per cent in the first pony, 20 per cent to the second pony, and 10 per cent to third pony until the cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 75 per cent, and the third pony 25 per cent of the entrance fees; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Alair	1
Thorn Rose	2
Thier	3

Time, 2 mins. 42 1/2 secs.

THE SHANTUNG STAKES, a forced entry of Tls. 5, for subscription griffins entered at this meeting; first pony to receive 70 per cent, second pony 20 per cent, third pony 10 per cent; weight for inches as per scale; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs. One mile.

Chian	1
Diana Forget	2
Pickle	3

Time, 2 min. 12 1/4 secs.

THE PART-MILE CUP, value, Tls. 100 added to a sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each; second pony to receive 30 per cent, and the third pony 10 per cent of the stakes; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 7 lbs. a penalty of 7 lbs. for non-starters and winners at this meeting. One mile and a half.

Scotsman	1
Rio Grande	2
Standard Rose	3

Time, 3 min. 10 secs.

THE YANGTZE STAKES, value, Tls. 150; second pony, Tls. 50; for China ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners at this meeting; allowed 10 lbs. Entrance Tls. 5. Two miles.

Corbie	1
Sinbad	2
Impact	3

Time, 4 mins. 34 3/4 secs.

THE MANDUO STAKES, value, Tls. 150; second pony, Tls. 50; for China ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners at this meeting; allowed 10 lbs. Entrance Tls. 5. One mile.

The Downcast	1
Rafin	2
Argyle	3

Time, 2 min. 42 secs.

THE CONSOLATION CUP, value, Tls. 150; second pony, Tls. 50; third pony, Tls. 25; for ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance Tls. 5. Once round.

The Outcast	1
Brilliant	2
Sandstorm	3

Time, 2 min. 37 1/2 secs.

THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES, value, Tls. 350; second pony, Tls. 100; third pony, Tls. 50; a forced entry, for open only; griffins at date of entry; to be won on two consecutive meetings, or three times in the same year; entrance, Tls. 10; 70 per cent in the first pony, 20 per cent to the second pony, and 10 per cent to third pony until the cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 75 per cent, and the third pony 25 per cent of the entrance fees; weight for inches as per scale. Each pony entered to pay five per cent of the value of the stakes and prizes won. One mile and a quarter.

Loyalty	1
Callisto	2
Beachnut	3

Time, 2 min. 37 secs.

THE LATE MR. COOK.

Mr. J. M. Cook, the head of the world-famous tourist agency, who died recently, wrote an article which terminated thus: "Thus ends my public career as a personal conductor, which commenced in 1844 as a small boy with a long wand, assisting the guidance of 500 or more small children from Leicester to Eton by special train—five miles." Since then I have taken part in conducting almost all classes and conditions of people to all the chief parts of the globe, and I think I may fairly claim to be satisfied with concluding such a career with the German Emperor in Palestine.

For ten years—from 1865 to 1875—he rarely slept in a bed, and he annually journeyed something like 55,000 miles. It was during this period that he invented the system of international travelling tickets, and laid the foundation of the tourist business in Egypt. Last year, the firm had in operation over 40,000 sets of international tickets, covering 3,500,000 miles of railways, and waterways. The services Mr. John Cook rendered to the Government in the transport of troops and stores for the Nile operations of 1884-5 are well-known. In what manner he has opened up Egypt and promoted the prosperity of that country everybody knows who has ever spent a season there.

THE NEWHANG RAILWAY QUESTION.

The comments of the leading London papers on the action of the Czar's Government in withdrawing all opposition to the Newhang Railway loan afford interesting reading. The *Standard* considers there is no reason to distrust the accuracy of the information that the abandonment of the opposition to the Northern Extension Railway contract is the outcome of negotiations between the Russian and British Governments. It adds: "It is gratifying that an incident should be closed which might have assumed very serious proportions had the Ministers of the Czar adhered to the line taken by the accredited representative."

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THE SAMOAN CRISIS.

BOMBARDMENT BY THE WARSHIPS.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

News with regard to the Crisis in Samoa reaches us that the Admiral Krantz continued to delay the treaty. Admiral Krantz, commandant of the U.S. *Philadelphian*, summoned the Consuls and senior naval officers to meet aboard his flagship. He there read a memorandum calling on the Consul of the three Powers to stop the Provisional Government's illegal acts, and make peace in Samoa. "The English and American Consuls agreed, also the captains of the U.S. warship *Philadelphian* and H.M.S. *Porpoise*."

The week previous the Admiral issued a proclamation stating the result of the meetings, and disavowing the Provisional Government. He called upon Matutu and the 13 chiefs to return peacefully to their homes. He also stated that the prisoners were to go quietly to their homes without molestation. He guaranteed the protection of the naval force in harbour to all who obeyed, and threatened to use the same force against those disobeying the proclamation. He also upheld the action of the Chief Justice. A copy of these decisions was sent to Matutu, who evacuated Matutu, and took up a position further inland. "The German Consul issued a counter proclamation declaring the Admiral's proclamation untrue, and upholding the Provisional Government."

The *Philadelphian* and *Porpoise* were now begun to assemble in force, and hummed the town in on the landward side. There was great excitement in the streets as the people read the rival proclamations.

Admiral Krantz then sent another letter to Matutu. This was ignored by the rebels, who barricaded the roads, and made trenches within the municipality. They also took possession of some British houses. The English Consul, Admiral's flag lieutenant, and a brother Lieutenant Gault were intercepted by some armed natives, who were in possession of Mr. Gault's house. An armed rebel covered the flag lieutenant with a rifle, while the Chief and Lieutenant Gault drew their revolvers and chased them off. All three displayed great bravery. An American lieutenant, who was married, on Wednesday, together with the Admiral's secretary, went with a final letter to Matutu to clear out, but was stopped by a guard before proceeding half-way. The letter was taken by a guard, and an impudent reply was returned.

Later on Captain Sturdee took Taylor, a half-cast spy, prisoner. The rebels were allowed till 1 o'clock to evacuate the municipality, but they ignored this, and half an hour before the signal for bombardment was given they made an attack on the warships. British Consuls, who were beginning the war, at a review on the 14th of March, the Admiral opened fire on the distant Matutu villages with the six-inch guns of the U.S. ship *Philadelphian*. H. M. ships *Porpoise* and *Havildar* quickly followed. "There was the greatest difficulty in locating the positions of the enemy, as the whole of the island is covered with dense forest, but excellent shooting was made on some shore villages, the houses of which were quickly in flames."

An unfortunate accident happened early in the afternoon. A defective shell from the *Philadelphian* burst close to the American Consulate. The pieces smashed through the house, tearing the roof off the veranda and smashing the crockery and furniture table. Some natives who were outside had a narrow escape. Private venge had his leg shattered below the knee, and the limb had to be amputated. Some of the others were knocked over, but not injured. One man's rifle was smashed to pieces in his hand. The bombardment continued slowly during the afternoon.

The Matutu men now re-armed themselves, and entrenched Matutu, where 2000 friendly natives, women and children, were taking refuge. Nearly all the townspeople had taken refuge at H.M.S. *Porpoise* and H.M.S. *Porpoise*, which were present. It was a strange sight. The Americans operated from Matutu, with the Colt automatic gun, firing 400 shots a minute, also a three-pounder gun, and shrapnel shell. It is not yet known if many natives were killed.

The guard on shore was doubled, and scouts located the enemy in some dense bush inside the municipality, in different positions. Lieutenant Gault kept them on the move all night with the Nordenfildt gun and shrapnel shell from the seven pounder, till at 2 a.m. the rebels under cover of darkness, crept down the Tivoli road, killing two British men-of-war-men, and wounding two others, one mortally, and he died next morning. The rebels must have crawled up in the dark, as they were not seen.

The same night a sergeant of Marines on the *Porpoise* was accidentally shot through the legs by his own sentry.

On Thursday the shelling was continued. Another defective shell from the *Philadelphian* burst in the harbour. A piece went through the Catholic Church and another piece through the German Consulate, smashing the crockery.

The Germans then left for the warship *Porpoise*. There was no firing from the rebels. At night an American marine was shot dead by a Mauser bullet while at his post near the American Consulate. Night-long the British Consulate all night long. The enemy could not be seen in the dense jungle, but the rifles and Nordenfildts replied.

Lieutenant Gault had a narrow escape from the enemy's bullets. Another Britisher was shot in the foot by a sentry. The troops were out all night in the rain, and reinforcements were urgently needed, as the position of the town was critical. Bullets were being fired at the warships under cover of the darkness. Some spies and Matutu prisoners were arrested, but it is impossible to say how many were killed.

H.M.S. *Porpoise* and *Havildar* were ordered to annex Tonga, to be intercepted at Fiji by the Union Company's steamer *Tartar*. Nearly all the inhabitants are on warships, and they are very uncomfortable. Some families are leaving for Suva and Tonga. The bitter feeling against the Germans is increasing, and they are being roughly spoken to by American sentries.

RIGHT-DAY'S BOMBARDMENT.

March 21st.

The captain of H.M.S. *Porpoise* has issued an order that all the women and children; and those not actively engaged in the war, had better leave for Tonga, Matutu, Tonga, or New Zealand, so as not to hamper the operations. The bombardment has been going on for eight days, and is still proceeding. The American and British troops are fighting shoulder to shoulder.

H. M. S. *Porpoise* shelled the villages east and west of Adia, capturing many boats.

LONDON, March 29th.

The United States Government has given an assurance to Germany that Rear-Admiral Krantz, who is now at Samoa in command of the cruiser *Philadelphian*, will only act, if emergency arises, in accordance with the decision of the majority of the officials representing the three Powers at Samoa. The Washington authorities add that a unanimous ratification or adjustment of the Samoan question will be sought at the earliest moment. In the meantime, the instructions given to Admiral Krantz are that he shall act in a conciliatory spirit.

THE TRIPOLI HINTERLAND QUESTION.

In view of the objection of the Italian Government to the clause in the Anglo-French Agreement relating to the Tripoli hinterland, the French Government has instructed M. Camille Barrere, the French Ambassador in Rome, to assure Italy that if the fate of Tripoli is ever discussed, France's attitude will not be one of hostility to the Italian claims. The Minister was instructed to inform the Italian Government that France had no designs on Tripoli. Mr. Han-

LATE TELEGRAMS.

A DANCER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PARTNER'S SAFETY.

NEW YORK, April 2nd.

A San cable from Vienna says a circus case was tried this week. A young lady caused heavy compensation from a young man with whom she recently danced at a masked ball, and who allowed her to fall so heavily that she sustained severe internal injury. The defendant declared that his partner was a poor dancer, and that it was difficult to guide her through the crowded room. She rejoined that the defendant had attempted some new steps which he had seen in an opera ballet and desired to imitate. He flung his legs about and went through some kind of Russian bent-knee dance, in the execution whereof the young lady fell heavily. The Judge decided that the defendant could not be held responsible for the safety of his partner and the case was dismissed.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S BROTHER DEAD.

LONDON, April 2nd.

Richard Chamberlain, brother of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, died in London to-day. Richard Chamberlain at one time represented the west division of the borough of Islington, London, in Parliament in the Conservative interest. Since his retirement he had devoted his attention to managing the extensive Chamberlain properties at Birmingham.

SIDE DEAD IN MISTAKE FOR THE PRISONER.

Yesterday, a madman, whose name has been ascertained to be M. Azoul, shot dead a private gentleman named M. Tourneil on the Bois de Boulogne. Azoul, it is stated, mistook his victim for M. Lombet, the French President.

WICK OF A FRENCH BARQUE—25 LIVES LOST.

April 2nd.

Another serious shipping disaster has been caused by the heavy fogs, which are prevailing on the British coasts. The *Marshall Lamm*, a large new French barque, had left Swansea with a cargo of coal for San Francisco on her maiden voyage, when she was enveloped in a very dense fog, and completely lost her bearings. Eventually she ran ashore on the coast of Pembrokeshire, and became a total wreck. The whole of the crew, 25 in all, were drowned.

NORWAY'S WARLIKE ACTIVITY.

The *Daily Mail's* correspondent at Gothenberg, Sweden, referring to the warlike preparations of Norway, says: "The only possible object of these preparations is to attack Sweden, whose defenses and armaments are inferior and whose industry are almost completely paralyzed. Should the Norwegian fleet attack Gothenberg the city must inevitably fall."

PRESIDENT KRUGER AT JOHANNESBURG.

President Kruger, who is visiting Johannesburg, has been welcomed. In addressing a gathering of 6000 persons, he said he discerned only one thing between loyalty and disloyalty. "There must be no treachery. New-comers must forever their old country if they desired citizenship in the Transvaal. Petitioners who wished to come under another Government were 'fishers in troubled waters,' and, as such, impaired loyalty. If they remained loyal, President Kruger said, the full franchise would not be long delayed."

THE ALBANIAN CREED CONDEMNED BY A CANON OF WESTMINSTER.

A sensation has been caused by a sermon preached at Saint Margaret's Church, Westminster, by the Rev. Joseph Arundell Robinson, D. D., Canon of Westminster, and late Norrington Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge. The preacher took for his subject the Albanian Creed, which he declared was no creed, but a hymn written in a barbarian age, rejecting the victory of the Catholics over the Arians. Nowadays, he said, portions of this creed could not be endorsed. These expressions of opinion by the preacher were distasteful to some members of the congregation, who got up and left the church.

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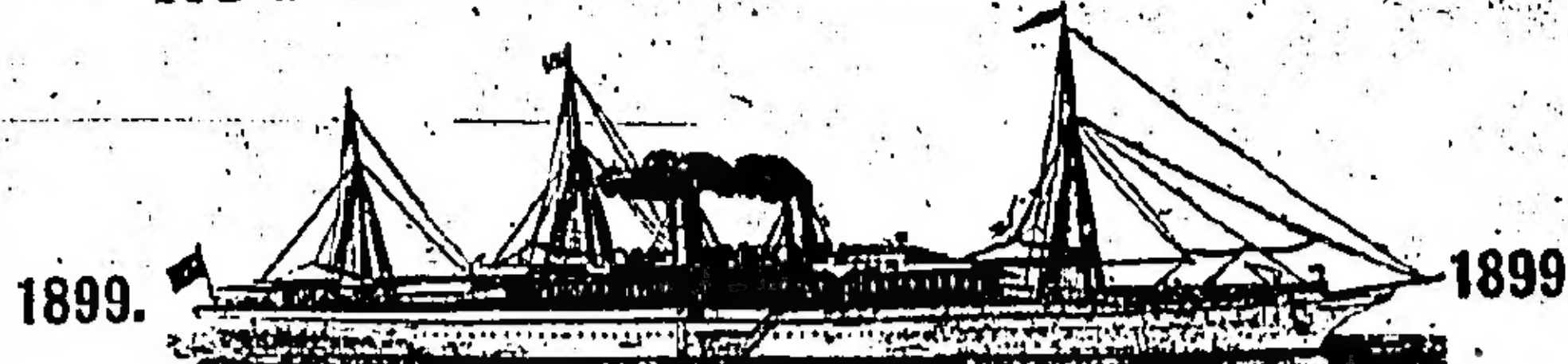
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D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street, 13.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1899.

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED. General Agents: Hongkong, 25th April, 1899. [4]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN, PORTS, BLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

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THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL" Captain F. W. Vibert, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [5]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, THE 100 AT British Bark

"QUEEN MARGARET" Fraser, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [133]

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
*HEIDELBERG...Schuler	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 25th May
*SIBIRIA...Hildebrandt	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 30th May
*KONIGSBERG...Christiansen	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 1st June
DEIKE	NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL	About 30th June
RICKMERS		June

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

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CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHAFON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Thyra...3,406 about May 20

Belgiana King...3,379 about June 20

Carmanthenshire...2,929 about July 20

Cardiff City...3,002 about Aug. 20

THE Steamship

"THYRA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 20th May.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full.

Value of same is required. Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 2nd May, 1899. [1332]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 27th May, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd June, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 18th July, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship.

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 27th May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government Officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, en route, at San Francisco, for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 percent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight, or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1899. [1333]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

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